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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Suzanne E. McDowell	1732	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 May 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 19 and 20 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election of group I, claims 1-18 in the reply filed on 5/3/07 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).
2. Claims 19 and 20 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 5/3/07.

Specification

3. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.
4. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it is not descriptive. The abstract is drawn to a method of trimming, yet there are no trimming steps disclosed in the specification or the claims. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
6. Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The preambles to the claims are drawn to a method of trimming, yet there are no trimming steps in the specification or the claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hess (US Patent 5,066,298) in view of Ravenscroft et al. (US Patent 6,110,192) or, in the alternative, Almeleh et al. (EP 0834293). Hess teaches the basic method claimed as follows: providing an angioplasty catheter (10) with a balloon (14) portion; wrapping the balloon portion in collapsed condition with tape (18) which may be PTFE (column 3, lines 20-24); heating the wrapped portion (column 3, lines 40-45); and removing the tape (18) to result in a catheter with a balloon portion that is substantially compressed (column 3, lines 48-54 and see Fig. 3). Hess does not teach that the wrapping creates protrusions on the balloon. Ravenscroft et al. and Almeleh et al. both teach catheters which have protrusions on the balloon portion (Ravenscroft et al., see Fig. 2 and column 4, lines 32-36; and see Figs. 7-8 and column 5, lines 12-30; Almeleh et al., see element nos. 10 and 13 and column 3, lines 10-30)). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use the teachings of Ravenscroft et al. or, in the alternative, Almeleh et al., to modify the method taught by Hess, in order to form a balloon with protrusions thereon. The motivation to use the teachings of Ravenscroft et al. or, in the alternative, Almeleh et al., to modify

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the method taught by Hess is that all are in the same field of endeavor, that of forming catheter balloons by molding processes. The desirability of a balloon with protrusions thereon is taught by Almeleh et al. (column 3, lines 33-36) and also by Ravenscroft et al. (column 6, lines 45-50).

Regarding claims 6, 7, 13, and 14, Hess does not specifically teach that the wrapping is done manually or by machine. It is generally well known in the art to wrap catheter balloons either manually or by machine, particularly when folding the balloon. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use generally well known methods, such as wrapping manually or by machine, to further define the method taught by Hess, in order to quickly and easily form a balloon with the desired finished characteristics.

Conclusion

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Suzanne E. McDowell whose telephone number is (571) 272-1205. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday 7am-7pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Johnson can be reached on (571) 272-1176. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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